

A few FICMMR Prevention Initiatives – Montana 2016

(FICMMR - Fetal, Infant, Child & Maternal Mortality Review & Prevention)

Gallatin County FICMMR Team – New Service:

The Gallatin County FICMMR team initiated a partnership with Headwaters State Park and the Three Forks Eagle Scouts to build and place 3 life-vest stations at public access areas along the confluence of the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin Rivers into the Missouri River in their county in the spring of 2016. This activity was in response to a drowning in 2015.

Roosevelt County FICMMR Team - Change in Agency Practice:

The team provided training for coroners, county and tribal law enforcement officers on the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Investigation (SUIDI) process. The county lacked comprehensive, consistent information gathering process and standard for infant sleep & sleep-related deaths. A CDC trained coroner from Montana provided the training resulting in both the tribal police and local sheriff's department adopting the SUIDI form/process as part of their operations.

Lake County FICMMR Team – New Service & Public Education:

The team partnered with an insurance agency and planned a special event where free Convertible infant/toddler/child car seats were given out, safety installation demonstrations took place along with safety checks for people who stopped by. It is now an annual event.

Big Horn County FICMMR Team – Public Education:

The team brought in a medical student and certified car seat technician that met in small groups with all of the graduating seniors of Hardin High School to discuss the repercussions of texting while driving and lack of proper seat restraints. One-hundred thirty plus students signed a pledge not to text and drive. A group photo of all the students will go up as a billboard asking drivers not to text. Group banners circulated around town.

Ravalli County FICMMR Team – Education & a Service:

To help combat prescription abuse in their county, a FICMMR team member produced and distributed a critical educational tool alerting area doctors to a comprehensive list of red flag behaviors common to people who abuse prescription drugs along with a link to training.

Deer Lodge County FICMMR Team – New Service:

Deer Lodge County had no Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and the FICMMR team leader (& director of the health dept.) decided to do something about it. She became certified. The training was essential allowing the county to continue participating in the Safe Seat/Safe Sleep Program (free cribs & car seats to qualified families). At their first event, the team partnered with the local fire department for Child Passenger Safety Week and inspected 20 car seats, one of which was installed correctly.

Silver Bow FICMMR Team – A Service and Education:

The team partnered with a local sports store and hunter safety instructors providing gun locks on all purchases and to class participants. All the gun locks have a tag attached with suicide prevention information. In an effort to reduce suicides, this same county implemented the PAX Good Behavior Game in the public schools, first through sixth grades for the 2016-2017 school year.

PAX is an evidence-based program that is implemented in the classroom that teaches children to self-regulate, to work together for common goals, and to focus on a positive future they co-create with others. PAX is core cognitive, emotional and behavioral skills that help students build healthy, productive and happy lives.